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PHILIP MORRIS EUROPE PATENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 1983		Protocole No: 13 Date: 14.06.1983 Page: 1	
Present: Messrs. J.H. Bass, J.L. Debétaz, H. Gaisch, K. Houghton, M. Lauenstein, J. Mandiratta, I. Marcovitch, M. Reardon, D. Schulthess.		MTA/beh	
Absent: Messrs. J.B. Boder, M. Bourlas, B. Brooks, W. Fink, H. Friedrich, N. Möller, U. Nyffeler, P. Stolt, E. Stoop, M. Wood.		Exécution	
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<p><u>AGENDA:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a Biochemical Feedback Control System. M. Hofer 2. Visit to Richmond/New York. Report by the undersigned. 3. Future handling of notifications of the first filing of US patent applications. 4. Cases to be considered for foreign filings USSN - 429392, 429394, 401380, 429354, 429393, 439588. 5. Maintenance of Italian, West German, Swiss and British patents, related to the United States Patent 4278100. 6. Review of FTR cases: 24699, 24696, 28079, 28080, 28082, 28083, 28086, 28085, 28087, 28137, 28138, 28102, 28096, 28074, 28095, 28101, 28093, 28097, 28075, 28103, 28159. 7. BAT / Brown and Williamson's new patent applications. <p>1. <u>DEVELOPMENT OF A BIOCHEMICAL FEEDBACK CONTROL SYSTEM</u></p> <p>Mr. M. Hofer of Process Development presented the newly developed biochemical feedback control system of the carbon source by acid/alkali consumption in a continuous fermentation.</p> <p>John Bass was requested to file an EPO application designating West Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain, France and Italy.</p>			

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<p>2. <u>VISIT TO RICHMOND/NEW YORK</u></p> <p>The writer of these minutes reported about his visit to Richmond and New York. K. Houghton and other members stressed the need of a visit by Art Palmer to Neuchâtel. It was decided that he should be requested to attend our next Patent Committee Meeting if possible, or visit at any time before that. During Art Palmer's visit John Bass and Dr. Hach will be invited to Neuchâtel for better coordination of patent matters between PME and PMI. The writer of these minutes was asked to undertake the necessary arrangements for Art Palmer's visit to Neuchâtel.</p>			
<p>3. <u>FUTURE HANDLING OF NOTIFICATIONS OF FIRST FILING OF US PATENT APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>At present, our recommendations on foreign filings, corresponding to first filings of United States applications, have two disadvantages, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I) it encourages premature consideration of our foreign filing recommendations, which are not required by the Patent Office in Richmond for about seven to eight months afterwards, and II) it fails to provide our committee members with the kind of information necessary for evaluating our interests. <p>After a short discussion it was agreed that the "Notifications of first filing of US patent applications", in future, should be circulated among the members for information purposes only and our recommendations should only be communicated to Richmond after the receipt of Law Department Memorandum.</p>			

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4. Cases to be considered for foreign filing USSN - 429392, 429394, 401380, 429354, 429393 and 439588. These cases were considered in our last committee meeting and it was recommended to file these cases via EPO in Switzerland, West Germany, Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Austria with national application in Finland. John Bass has been instructed by Art Palmer to file these cases via EPO in Switzerland, West Germany, Great Britain and the Netherlands. Keeping in mind the designating fees and high translation costs, members urged that Art Palmer should be requested to instruct John Bass to enlarge the list of EPO designating countries to include France, Belgium, Italy and Austria.			
5. MAINTENANCE OF ITALIAN, WEST GERMAN, SWISS AND BRITISH PATENT APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT 4278100 It was unanimously decided to abandon the above-mentioned applications.			
6. REVIEW OF FTR CASES It was decided to <u>abandon</u> the following patents:			
British 1315086 and Swiss 529520		Method for processing parts of tobacco-substitute plants into a tobacco leaf.	
West German PS2358611 and British 1402510		Process for shaping a pulp, mash or slurry into smokable fibres.	
West German PS2358656 and British 1444816		Extruder nozzle for shaping a pulp to form smokable strands into fibres.	

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<p>West Germany PS2551900 and Swiss 598866</p> <p>British 1497514</p> <p>It was decided to <u>maintain</u> the following patents:</p> <p>West Germany PS2358657 Great Britain 1401099 Swiss 591819</p> <p>Australia 478464 France 2245303 Luxembourg 68080 Swiss 590619 South Africa 74/4634</p> <p>West Germany PS2431635 Great Britain 1454228 Luxembourg 68081 Soviet Union 575009</p>		<p>Continuous process for the production of a paste with additives which can be formed into a smokable product.</p> <p>Process for the production of synthetic tobaccos.</p> <p>Smokable material and the process of making the same (Urea compounds)</p> <p>Smokable product with Meerscham particles.</p> <p>Smokable product with Meerscham particles.</p>	
<p>7. <u>BAT / BROWN & WILLIAMSON'S NEW PATENT APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>The writer of these minutes reported on the two new West German applications OS3228947 and OS3228948. It was decided not to file any observations in any patent office.</p>			

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<p>The next PME Patent Committee Meeting will be held in the R&D Building in Neuchâtel on 24th August 1983</p> <p><i>J. Mandiratta</i></p> <p>For the minutes: J. Mandiratta</p> <p><u>Distribution List:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To all PME Patent Committee Members - Messrs. M. Serrano, J. Gibson <p><u>Information Copies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. C. Adkins - Mr. P. Clarke - Dr. M. Häusermann - Mr. A. Holtzman - Ms. S. Hutcheson - Mr. A. Palmer jr. - Mr. L. Pollak - Mr. F. Resnik - Dr. R. Seligman - Mr. O. Smith 			

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